

unity and devotion, pervaded and sanctified even the proverbially dry details of the "Business Meeting." This feeling reached its culmination when on Sabbath afternoon, after listening to a plain, practical and powerful missionary address from the Rev. R. M. Mateer, of Shan Tung, China, the members of the Alliance bowed their heads around the table of their common Lord, and partook of the symbols of His body and blood, broken and shed for the remission of the sins of the world—that world which is to believe in Him through seeing the unity of His followers. Oh, that the Church Universal would inscribe on her banners the motto suggested as the watchword of the Alliance—"One in Christ for a world out of Christ!"

All the papers presented evinced, on the part of their authors, much careful study and a comprehensive grasp of missionary problems, while the discussions which followed the reading of them were animated and profitable.

It is beyond the sphere of this brief sketch to attempt anything like a synopsis of those papers. I must content myself with the bare enumeration of their titles which will suffice to indicate the nature and variety of the subjects treated. My regret at being compelled thus summarily to dismiss so much valuable missionary literature is greatly diminished by the fact that the official report now being prepared will contain all the papers in full, and those interested may procure copies of that report at a price which merely covers the expense of publication.

"The methods of the China Inland Mission," "Christian Missions among the Jews," "Relation of Home to Foreign Work," "The Unoccupied Fields," "Lay Missionaries to Foreign Lands,"—such were the subjects dealt with in five masterly essays.

The brief, terse reports of the Outlook Committee were models in their particular line. "The Indians of America," "Protestant Missions in Papal European Countries," "China" and "India," were by these passed hurriedly in review. A glance at the past of those nations enabled us to 'thank God and take courage,' and by a concise statement of their present condition and future possibilities the Macedonian cry for help was borne home to us by the irresistible logic of human need.

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